

The U.S. Census Bureau's Congressional Affairs Office and the American Community Survey Outreach and Analysis Staff, in conjunction with the House Subcommittee on the Census, sponsored an informational fair on the American Community Survey at the U.S. Capitol on December 5, 2001. The fair featured demonstrations of the many ways the American Community Survey data are being used in the 31 ACS test sites. U.S. Representative Dan Miller of Florida, chair of the Subcommittee on the Census, made welcoming comments. U.S. Representative Tom Sawyer of Ohio, who chaired the House Subcommittee on Census and Population from 1989 to 1994, also spoke.

In addition to Representatives Miller and Sawyer, U.S. Representative William Lacy Clay of Missouri, ranking member of the Subcommittee on the Census, and U.S. Representative Richard Neal of Massachusetts were in attendance. More than 60 congressional staff also attended the fair.

On hand to explain how their organizations are using American Community Survey data were:

Karl Eschbach, University of Houston, Texas;  
 Richard Ogburn, South Florida Regional Planning Council;  
 Amy Pasini and Jane McCall, Baystate (Mass.) Medical Center;  
 Thomas Reardon, Fulton County (Pa.) Partnership;  
 Scott Stewart, Portland Multnomah (Ore.) Progress Board.



U.S. Representative Tom Sawyer (right) relates how the initial discussions in 1992 concerning the need for more timely data eventually led to the development of the ACS. These discussions occurred during his tenure as chair of the House Subcommittee on the Census and Population from 1989 – 1994. Sawyer was introduced by U.S. Representative Dan Miller (left), current subcommittee chair.



U.S. Representative Lacy Clay (center), ranking member of the House Subcommittee on the Census, watches a demonstration on ACS data uses for Springfield, Mass., with Jane McCall (left), Census Bureau Associate Director for Demographic Programs Nancy Gordon (right), and Amy Pasini (far right).



U.S. Representative Richard Neal is shown a presentation on the study of "Youth Violence" in Springfield, Mass. This application relied heavily on ACS data. Jane McCall (center), Amy Pasini (right) and Richard Wait (not shown) developed the study.